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WINDOW GLASS FROM THE U.S.S.R.

Determination of No Injury or Likelihood Thereof

On June 29, 1964, the Tariff Commission was advised by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury that window glass, 16-ounce through 28-ounce thicknesses, from the U.S.S.R. is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value as that term is used in the Antidumping Act, 1921, as amended. Accordingly, the Commission on that day instituted an investigation under section 201(a) of that act to determine whether an industry in the United States is being or is likely to be injured, or is prevented from being established, by reason of the importation of such merchandise into the United States.

Notice of the investigation was published in the <u>Federal</u>

<u>Register</u> (29 F.R. 9546). The Commission did not order a public hearing, but referred interested parties to section 208.4 of its Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 208.4) which provides that they may, within 15 days after the date of publication of the Commission's notice of investigation in the <u>Federal Register</u>, request that a public hearing be held, stating reasons for the request. No request for a hearing was received.

In arriving at this determination, the Commission gave due consideration to all written statements submitted by interested parties and all information obtained by its staff.

On the basis of the investigation, the Commission has unanimously determined that an industry in the United States is not being, and is not likely to be, injured, or prevented from being established, by reason of the importation of window glass, 16-ounce through 28-ounce thicknesses, from the U.S.S.R., sold at less than fair value within the meaning of the Antidumping Act, 1921, as amended.

Statement of Reasons

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generally inferior quality of the glass from the U.S.S.R., together with ideological objections to its use, distinctly limit its consumption in the United States. Importers have experienced considerable difficulty in moving stocks in the past, and in all probability will continue to do so.

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This determination and statement of reasons are published pursuant to section 201(c) of the Antidumping Act, 1921, as amended.

By the Commission:

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